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SUBJECT: KIEV CONGEN

1. DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF LATEST KIEV PROPERTY OFFERS IS PROCEEDING AND SELECTION FROM FOUR UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION (CHKALOVA 67, STRELETSKAYA 12/14/16, KRUGLOUNIVERSITETSKAYA 2/1, AND REYTARSKAYA 32/34/37) CAN BE EXPECTED AFTER FIRST OF YEAR. IN MEANTIME DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH OTHER STEPS SO THAT WHEN DECISION IS MADE PLANNING FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTY CAN PROCEED WITH MINIMUM DELAY.

2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, LENINGRAD DESIGN ORGANIZATION (LENZHILPROEKT) INSISTED ON US COMPLETION OF QUOTE DESIGN PLAN UNQUOTE (PROYEKTOY ZADANIYE) INCORPORATING US REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO FLOOR PLANS AND OTHER INFORMATION TURNED OVER BEFORE THEY WOULD PROCEED WITH WORK ON PLANNING FOR RECONSTRUCTION. DEPARTMENT SAW LITTLE USEFUL PURPOSE IN THIS EXERCISE; BUT IF IT IS A FORMALITY WHICH WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO COMPLETE IN KIEV AS WELL, IT WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD WANT US TO FILL OUT SO THAT IT CAN BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, TRANSLATED AND BE READIED FOR COMPLETION IF SUBMISSION WITH US PLANS REQUIRED.

3. AT SAME TIME, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW IF, AS IN CASE OF LENINGRAD, SOVIETS ARE WILLING TO BEAR ALL EXPENSES FOR COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE BUILDING INCLUDING COMPLETE GUTTING IF THIS SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR BUILDING SELECTED. MFA SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED TO CONFIRM THAT AS KIEV AUTHORITIES HAVE SAID, NO QUOTE ABOVE NORM UNQUOTE COSTS WILL BE CHARGED AND THAT RENTS CHARGED WILL BE NORMAL UPDK TARIFF PER SQUARE METER FOR KIEV.

4. PLEASE ASK FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CONFIRM WITH KIEV AUTHORITIES THAT FLORENTSIYA APARTMENTS ACCEPTED BY EMBASSY HAVE IN FACT BEEN SET ASIDE FOR US. (FYI IF NEGOTIATIONS ON BUILDING LEASES AND RECONSTRUCTION SEEM TO BE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY AND IF SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IS MADE ON CG RESIDENCE, DOWNTOWN APARTMENTS AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTY, ADVANCE PARTY COULD BE SENT OUT AS EARLY AS LATE SPRING/EARLY SUMMER.)

5. ALTHOUGH NONE OF BUILDINGS OFFERED AS CG RESIDENCE ARE IDEAL, IT IS OPINION OF FBO TEAM WHICH VISITED KIEV THAT THERE ARE FEW DETACHED STRUCTURES IN DESIRABLE AREAS OF TOWN WHICH WOULD MEET US NEEDS. TWO BUILDINGS SHOWN REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT MFA SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF IT WOULD EASE THEIR SEARCH FOR CGR PROPERTIES, WE WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO CONSIDER LARGE, CENTRALLY LOCATED REPRESENTATIONAL APARTMENT.

6. MFA SHOULD AGAIN BE REMINDED THAT WE MUST BE SHOWN SUITABLE DOWNTOWN APARTMENTS FOR DPO AND CAO, PLUS ADEQUATE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY BEFORE WE CAN CONSIDER OUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED. KISSINGER

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